

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

PRELUDE Improvisation on *Melita* Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God,
the author and foundation of hope,
enable us to rely with confident expectation on your
promises, knowing that the trials and hindrances of the
present time are not worthy to be compared with the
glory that shall be revealed, and having our faces
steadfastly set toward the light that shines more and more
to the perfect day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 358

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own
appointed limits keep:*

*O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the
sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's
hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them
where-so-e'er they go;*

*thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from
land and sea.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus,
we confess that too often our words and actions
are not consistent with our beliefs.
Often we ignore the needy,
show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance
through your name.
(Silent prayers of confession and unburdening)
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

(Based on writings from 1 Peter)

SOLO

Lord, Keep Us Closer to You
Soloist: Elizabeth Mahowald

Don Besig

*In the quiet of this moment,
here in this holy place,
help us feel your presence, Lord;
help us know Your grace.
Renew each spirit,
heal every soul.
Come and touch us with Your love
and make us whole.*

*In this fellowship together,
friendship and love have grown.
Keep us ever faithful, Lord;
claim us as Your own.
Grant us Your mercy,*

*calm every fear.
There is peace within our hearts
when You are near.*

*Lord as we turn to You,
humbly we pray.
Help us to trust in You;
show us Your way.
O, Lord, in all we say and do,
keep us, our whole life through,
Lord, closer to You,
keep us closer to You.*

*In the troubled world around us,
help us to share Your light.
Walk along beside us, Lord;
keep us in your sight.
Guide every footstep;
help us be true.
Draw us closer every day.
Give us strength to live in faith
and follow You.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim you,

through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 68:1-10

1 Peter 5:5b-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Standing in Grace

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

Note: This Hymn is not found in our hymnal. The tune,
"Thaxted," was composed by Gustav Holst, and it is loosely
based on a theme from "Jupiter" in his orchestral suite,
"The Planets."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by Thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Little Fugue in G-minor

J.S. Bach

Announcement:

The Virtual Church Office will be closed tomorrow, May 25th for Memorial Day.

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office.*

Miram Allen

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Lillian Calfa

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Betty Gessner

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Rosemarie Graffeo

Jayne Halley

Hotchkiss Family

Lynch Family

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